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More Ships!

The statistics of new steel shipping made available in January and Murch issued by the Shipping Board are encouraging because of the steady increase in production they record. January, on account of abnormal weather and congested transportation facilities, was a disappointing month: in February a better show ing was made, and the prospects for March are excellent. Particularly peal to many young women who are heartening is the fact that launch ings have more than kept pace with deliveries, and the laying down of ful war work; but a little reflection new keels shows a constant rise in

At no time in the war has the com plete dependence we must put on What was clear eleven months ago perior vision is now apparent to the least thoughtful. The lesson impresend by impairment of the trans atlantic service in December and January, which was enforced by the physical discomforts inflicted on the opie of all the Northeastern States has made it plain to all that our strong arm cannot strike Germany unless there are ships in ample num ber to carry our goods and our men

The encouragement that may properly be drawn from the mounting totals of tonnage put into service each month is supported by the success of the silipyards. The needed men are task as seen as the shops and ways therapy, are equipped to receive them. The and the produc tion of the yards should soon attain the maximum planned.

But the country cannot afford to rest in its labors. If we get as many ships as we hoped to get, we must struggle to exceed that number. Ships in plenty will foil the U-bont. and we must not rest until we have finally smashed Germany's most po-

The Situation in Spain.

The fall of the recently formed patch from Madrid, will cause a still (carpentry). greater complication in the muddled A threefold equipment is declared questions of the war.

strong pro-German feeling, created The new therapy is to be explained largely by the propaganda carried on to the students by leading experts in uals would have escaped punishment. by Prince Honentone, the German nervous and mental disease. It is But now they must lock their doors Ambassador at Madrid, who suc-evident, therefore, that the medical and display a piscard reading: ceeded in winning the support of the profession has taken up this novel Conservative leader Don Antonio method of treatment in all serious-MAURA. At the beginning of the war ness and that it will probably prove King Alfonso apparently expressed a permanent addition to the resources the situation when he said, "Only of the healing art. the canaille and myself are for the Allies." The sentiment has shifted Representative Madden's Eumed ing of Spanish vessels by German submarines and the fact that the Germans have been overdoing their blocking the efforts of Representative means what it says when it orders propagands. An instance of this was Tueres W. Sims, chairman of the shown in the last election, when the Maurists had an airplane to distri- Foreign Commerce, to have the daybute political literature advertising light saving bill considered at a spethe greatness of the Hohenzollerus cial session of the House this eveand their Spanish supporters. The impression made on the high spirited Spaniard was that the party was sold out body and soul to the Germans. The Maurists lost heavily in the prov-

Spain has been described as a "democracy devold of citizens." Its political difficulties are attributed by so that he may be given the floor. I Dr. J. E. Dillos in an article in the Nineteenth Century to the fact that sults of this are shown in the diffitheir ris s of franchise and the peo- is likely to be considerable misunder-

up their "regionalisms" and combine

upon a national policy. The effect of this "regionalism" has been to make its cities, even provinces, "Islanded one from the other," and to create a lack of consciousness of kinship with the rest of Europe. This is what has made the attitude of Spain toward the war stand out in such marked contrast to the attitude of other neutral nations.

The recent upheavals in the Government are an indication that the people are awakening to an interest that they never before displayed in earliest possible moment. their national Government, and that they are opposed to the only too apparent attempt of a minority political party, or clique, to turn Spain over to the Hohenzollerns. With this new interest is bound to come a better national understanding of the aim of the Allies and a more sympathetic appreciation of their cause.

A New War Study for Women.

A new course of instruction for women has just been established by Columbia University in the School of Practical Arts of the Teachers College. The war has given rise to a novel form of medical treatment which is denominated Occupation Therapy; and "those who are eager to prepare themselves for some form of personal service to the sick and important and very attractive field of work."

As the war goes on there will be constant increase in the number of crippled, disabled and shell shocked soldiers and sailors who will be brought home for medical treatment It has been found that instruction in interesting occupations is of great value as a remedial agency in cases of this kind; and the new course of study is designed to qualify women to give such instruction to such parents. At first blush, the task may seem an easy one, and the invitation to stude occupation therapy will probably apseeking pleasurable excitement rather than anything else in the guise of use and experience will show that it is a task not to be carelessly undertaken.

A sympathetic temperament is essential to any high degree of success ships been so apparent as it now is. in work of this character. The born story teller, the contriver of games to a comparatively few men of su- the enthusiastic playmate of children, who combines strength with gentleness and possesses polse as well as the pleasure giving faculty, is the kind of of America," wrote: young woman who is wanted here The Columbia University circular on the subject suggests that teachers. nurses and social workers are most likely to have the sort of interest and preparation needed as a basis for occupation therapy. "It is important that workers in this field should be of the most normal, wholesome, well balanced type, with plenty of enthustasm, sympathy and intelligence, and with a fairly high degree of physical vigor and endurance." Other things the campaign to enlist workers for being equal, those who have already qualified as trained nurses will probalready curoiled, ready to begin their ably prove most efficient in occupation

The course of study leading to the vexatious delays inevitable in the Teachers College diploma requires the corn handsomely and sets himself New York, March 5. early stages of any great undertaking two academic years, but a minimum programme is published setting forth the requirements for admission to service in connection with the civil and military hospitals. The student must complete at least seven courses comprising: the medical aspects of occupation therapy; the methods of teaching this treatment; observation and practice work with the patients in institutions; the elements of psychology; art structure (design); and at least two craft courses out of a group in which are included clay modelling (pottery), hammered metal, weaving, Cabinet, which is announced in a des- basketry and wood work (elementary

political conditions of Spain. Differ- to be requisite for the teacher of acences of opinion over constitutional cupation. First, she should unand economic reforms are factors in derstand sick people. In the second the situation, but of equal importance place, the circular tells us "she must is the dissatisfaction of the people have the psychological background with the Government's attitude upon for teaching." Finally, she should he skilled in arts and crafts, the principles of design and the use of color.

Representative MARTIN B. MADDEN of Illinois succeeded on Saturday in House Committee on Interstate and fully intends that its commands shall ning. The reason he assigned for his

rather in favor of it. But the gentleman, inces that had formerly been their since he became chairman of Interstate strongholds and polled in Madrid less and Foreign Commerce, attaches too much importance to the position he occunies. He thinks he would set aside all the other legislation pending in Congress

object." The bill which Mr. Mappen thus "for nearly four centuries there has held up provides that all clocks in the United States shall be set forligious or political institution, no ward an hour on March 31. It must pulssant statesman competent to pass not only the House but the display of northern lights, a rainstorm guide or conduct Spanish society to Senate, and when it has been signed days, reveal March as fully deserving the economic, intellectual and politi- by the President, who is in favor of its reputation. cal development attained by the pro- it, the people all over the United gressive peoples of Europe." The re- States must be told how they are to adapt their businesses and their pleasenlty of getting the voters to exercise ures to it. Simple though it is, there

ple of the different provinces to give standing of its purpose and its terms

if its passage is delayed much longer. Mr. MADDEN appears to have allowed some personal idlosynemsy of the chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee to disturb his philosophic calm and induce him to an act which, in annoying Mr. Sims a little, may inconvenience some thousands of innocent individuals a great deal. We hope he will recover his good nature and put no more obstacles in the path of the daylight saving measure, which should be enacted into law at the

John Bartlett Acknowledges the Corn.

The uncounted victims of deceitful memories who depend on JOHN BART-LETT and his admirable collection of familiar quotations to keep them culties to a criminal than the task of straight will be interested in the subjoined letter, which announces the correction of an error in his generally accurate work:

"To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: We note in your editorial of February 17 that you are awaiting word from us concerning the misquotation from Rabelais on page 957 of our Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 1914.

"We have referred to the transla tion by Sir Thomas Unquiant and PETER ANTHONY MOTTEUX, Hohn's edition, London, 1851, and we find on

"The particular interest that at taches to this fact is that this very edition of Rabelais was doubtless used by Mr. BARTLETT in compiling his Rabelals section, and it seems quite evinot so much of his making as attributable to those long suffering martyrs the printer and proofreader. Then, too, the passage made sense as printed and thereby escaped challenge until now.

"The change will have been made in em plates by the time this reaches 344, 2152 We remain

"Taxe very truly, "LIPICAL BROWN & COMPANY,

TE G. Meinttra

Not only does the passage, "Corn s the sinews of war," make sense, as Mr. McINTYRE points out, but it is a statement absolutely unimpeach any other part of it, but because it be able in fact, as Mr. Hooven is continually impressing upon us. Corn is which I "the seeds of cereal plants used for food, as malge, barley, rye, wheat, oats." JOHN FISHE, in his "Discovery

"In England 'corn' means either wheat, barley, rye and onts collectively. or more specifically wheat; in Scotland it generally means oats; in America it service at the present time, and which cereal pecultar to the Western Hemi-

Originally "corn" meant what is straight; and we are rather glad to have caught him nauping because the old fellow is so confoundedly accurate that he frequently shames us.

Fifty-seven restaurant and lunch thought the Food Administrator's sponsible mind regulations were made to be disobeyed will shut up their places of business to-day and keep them closed until Wednesday morning. Tuesday will be a businessless day for them, and as it drags its slow length along they will have ample time to consider the folly of failure to comply

that necessity has imposed on us. The action of the Food Administratomers' bills, and the guilty individ-

"Closed for the day for violation of the regulations of the United States officers.

Not only will they lose a day's busiiess, but the cause of their suspension will be known to all their patrons. This will have a milutary effect geners that the Food Administration us to conserve foodstuffs, and that it

The National German American Alli ance seems to have been efficiently national, and German, but the "American" in its name was ignored in the

Brigadier-General Evan M. JOHNSON the men at Camp Upton had received by the men at their opportunity to appear before their home people in New York city, said that the effect had been ex-

And the effect produced on New York city was not less excellent. parading soldiers learned how highly hey are thought of here, and we learned how worthy they are of our A little bit of spring, a wonderful

of Wisconsin says his indictment on charges of obstructing recruiting, en- we have no harder foes to fight

political move, pure and simple." It is interesting to observe, however, that citizens who give all their devotion to the country and refrain from aiding the enemy never are victims of such 'purely political" prosecutions.

foreign military and naval services have made a rich harvest in this country, and their schemes have been greatly to confess that they have been taken Many a sharper has gone free because his victim dreaded publicity. Now the British and Canadian Governments have established a fraud eybund. detector here to expose the swindlers and the number of successful rascals patois sounded when compared with the of this order will steadily decline.

The ingenious criminal Forsers who apparently can get out of any prison, surrendered to his pursuers without a struggle. The problem of keeping out of jail offers more diffiescaping from a cell.

THEY DO THEIR DUTY.

They Serve Their Country Worthily

and Deserve the Respect of All. TO THE EDITOR OF THE BUN-SIT: I am giad that the criticism as to reserve A New Accusation Against the Public officers' uniforms has been met so convincingly in the letter of Major Laurence in THE SUN. It has seemed to me that the persistent snarling on this subject was altogether unworthy of some of the remarks have appeared.

I can speak definitely as to a member vounded" are invited to enter this page 251 that the passage in question of my own family who was practically tically no knowledge of the most imporis translated Coin is the sinews of requisitioned by the Government and tant subject. given a commission in the Ordnance Department because of technical ability, the pupils innumerable grammatical This man is neither a "slicker" nor a rules, which the pupils learn and recite, "slacker," but like a very great number word for word, but which they never of others in the same department is out- understand nor apply. Never is a rule side of the draft age. He has been in elucidated by the teacher. receipt of a considerable income from his profession, acquired by diligent attention when he stated that the little red school to his affairs, without what might be house of years ago, with its very small considered undue use of energy.

> much reduced income and for an intensity of effort which is causing his friends great apprehension because of pie's views in regard to school matters, the possible ultimate effect upon his so that he may ascertain just how to health. Even "Observer" would concede "five our children an educational systhat eight hours of continuous mental application constitutes a fair day's said he would. work, so that, as in the present instance, when the average day begins at 7:30 and ends at 10:30, with very little let up between, surely my man may be

He has this to say about his uniform am proud of it"; and I can add for him that it is not because of its ornamental value, either as to "leggings" or tokens service to his country, a service maintain is ten times greater than if he was numbered with the fighting men on the fighting line.

slightest difference to him as such, exinvolve humiliation. What may be the real motive which prompts these acrid Straus, present head of the commission, of his own State condemned him. undoubtedly is rendering invaluable means maize, the 'Indian corn,' the so far as I have had occasion to observe is composed for the most part of sober, dignified and thoughtful looking men, it is hard to understand.

"Observer'e" letter was particularly crushed or ground, according to Max spiteful and bitter, and he may have MULLER, and to-day corn is truly the come across some special cases which sinews of war for a world crushed but on the other hand I could mention and ground in the mortar of war. We an instance where a \$1,000 man has wish that Master Francis Rabellais sought a \$3,000 job in the mistaken had said corn; it might have saved idea that anything was good enough in some of the loose thinking that this emergency. Naturally the applicant arises from confounding money with the things money buys. But as he aversion upon any United States uniform

dated New York, March 2, has created of New York city being without gas! The Food Administration Means quite a stir among the Ordnance Corps.

readers in general I will outline the York and Queens Gas Company has been are much lower. The big investor is status of the Ordnance Corps.

mechanical, professional and clerical concern to do voluntarily in its own in- stocks at present prices are appealing standing in civil life.

The ordnance officer must have a twocient in whatever trade he has enlisted leadership of such able and public ty the commander of the Eighty-first Treasurer, Douglaston Civic Association. Division the Ordnance Corps was picked as the best unit in soldierly appearance

Such an outcome could be gained only ship of well trained and highly efficient On the field of glory the orinane officer or man under his charge is called upon to repair or manufacture all the implements which this war has brought out, from the tanks to the rifle, from the 18 inch mortars to the 3 inch rapid erally, for it will teach many doubt- fire guns, from the auto truck to the poncho, from the harness to the uni-

> resents all the trades under the universe, and not only that, but is trained and ready to use the automatic offenively and defensively Do not the aforesaid duties and atainments entitle a volunteer to share in the glory gained on the field of battle? And is not the personnel entitled to be

forms; in other words the ordnance rep-

labelled the brain of the army? LOUIS M. PETRUCCULLI, Sergeant, Twenty-fourth P. O. D. Co. CAMP JACKSON, S. C., March 7.

"I doubt if we'll really have to fight," "Well, probably not this year, at that,"

Said Sitting Tight to Standing Pat. "And next year the Hun will see the light." Bald Standing Pat to Sitting Tight.

"Yes, I think they are sure to its down Said Sitting Tight to Standing Pat. "In other words. Peace will the world unite."

couraging disloyalty and interfering Than Standing Pat and Sitting Tight.
With the prosecution of the war is a

Hald one. Said the other one, "That!

TIMES CHANGE.

The Rhetoric of Populism Now R verberates in City Hall.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SH read with great interest Mayor Hylan's letter commenting on the recent liberathe city of New York from the control of political handits, financial pirates and soulless profiteers. How times change!

It seems but yesterday that the metropolitan press was ridiculing our West ern orators who delighted to spear the octopus and take a fall out of the mon

How uncouth and flamboyant their restrained and conservative diction of the cultured East! Little did we dream that within a few short years the robustious epirit of the prairies would permeate to the Atlantic coast and express itself through the lips of the chief executive of our great metropolis in anguage that would once have stirred the untamed soul of the most violent

O tempora! O mores! O shades of the lamented, sockless ALBANY, March 8.

with

traordinary achievement of the test-

ing process which American participa-

tion in the European war forced upon

of the 1907 panic and the strife of

corporations-both railroad and in-

extended by the provisions of the

chaos in this country caused by the

admirable banking law on the statute

in 1903 the country tolerated La Fol-

The public is not buying stocks in

pation of income tax day-which on

up as they are to put prices down.

to the shrewd little investor who has

that the country has made.

Changes of a Decade.

THE CHILD'S VOCABULARY School System.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The average graduate of an elementary school has a vocabulary of about 200 papers in which, from time to time, these or 400 words. Isn't this shocking? It lis, will outlast the struggle and bene- ing to educate 638 inexperienced men this record is to be maintained, how certainly is when you consider that after fit generations to come. eight years at school one acquires prac-

> The teachers iam into the heads of dustrial-to appreciate the progress

gent persons than our present palaces

group of wilful men" in opposition to Mayor Hylan should invite the peo the emergency currency bill which was squeezed through the Senate on the afternoon of May 30, with the provision that it should expire by tem of equal opportunity for all." limitation on June 30, 1914, just one menth before the world convulsing New York, March 9.

European war began. THEY GOT THE GAS. The La Follette of 1908. Had not the life of this law beer

The Public Service Commission Finds Grateful Defenders. Federal Reserve act the financial

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! The etter by "J. R. W." in THE SUN implies European war panic would have been a reflection on the value of the Public much more serious. This reference Service Commission that brings me to to the conditions existing a decade my feet in its defence. I know noth- ago shows how much stronger this ing of the circumstances to which "J. country's position now is, with an with the Public Service Commission I books and the largest gold reserve am led to believe that whatever its that any nation can boast of. But decision may have been it gave both the thing to remember is that whereas

We all know that the Hon. Oscar lette, a few days ago the Legislature a man above reproach, a fair minded, war has brought us some blesnings. able and honest business man. The therefore, which must not be lost community is fortunate in having such a sight of. man at the commission's head. And his colleagues are far different from some Character of Speculation. of those that afflicted previous boards.

Now for what we know of the Public any large way. Service Commission and its work for the them. Wall Street trading on cerinformation of "J. R. W." and others. deeply indebted. Ever since the gas standing this lack of animation, howtrust took over the local gas companies ever, the market disclosed a firm unwe have been the victims of its greed and business incompetency. Instead of to speak of from the bears. convenience and growth as electricity ments on various accounts exceed- which operates them. or water, they have obstructed by every ing \$2,500,000,000 - has pretty well devious means known to underhanded subsided. The market lacks initiadiplomacy. Even when commanded by tive the courts after extended public hear- ing for something to happen. But To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. The lings to live up to their public duty they the things that the market is walting "An Observer" and have falled to do so. Think of any part for are quite as likely to put prices

Well, we took it up with the Public in this respect conditions are very It is clear that the writer is either Service Commission, the public's foster different from those encountered a ertirely "jejune" as to the doings and father, the only tribunal to whom we few months ago, when huge blocks of instances. The measure has received changes, William A. Nash, chairman standing of our corps, or his statements could look for justice in a controversy stocks-for both home and foreign room proprietors in this town who are dictated by a malicious and irre- with the Prussian gas autocracy, and account—were pressed for sale. te has at last secured justice for a No such liquidation overhangs the rights will be safeguarded under this gests that it is the patriotic dark For his benefit and the benefit of the long suffering community. The New market to-day, and prevailing prices ordered to supply gas to Douglaston and not much of a factor as yet, but the The entire unit is composed of volun- Little Neck as soon as the ground per- odd lot buyer has become a steady eers. mits, a thing that ordinary business customer. This is significant and Sa'd personnel includes men of high sense should have led a well managed shows that the seasoned dividend

terest and without compulsion When any asperse the Public Service money to pay for what he buys and First, well trained in Commission the citizens of Douglaston sense enough to buy when securities honestly with the food saving rules military affairs, and second, highly effiin. With the aforesaid requirements an spirited men as Oscar Straus and his The "Human Turnover." tion in compelling these violators of officer of the Ordnance Corps must be confreres in the present board nontion in compelling these violators of looked upon and jabelled "The Brain of partisan, non-political, the Public Serseveral industrial corporations last the Army," and if there be any giory vice Commission is very much needed to week covering their business in 1917 thoroughly commendable. Had they his share should be, if not more, at see that justice is done as against corporate great. God help us if we are should be amount of the fines least equivalent to that of an officer of parate great. God help us if we are should be amount of the fines least equivalent to that of an officer of parate great. God help us if we are should be amount of the fines least equivalent to that of an officer of parate great. God help us if we are should be amount of the fines least equivalent to that of an officer of parate great. God help us if we are

GRENVILLE HOWARD Douglaston, March 9.

COOPS OF COMMERCE. One of Their Victims Urges Violence

for Their Inventor. wonder, was the fellow responsible for the practice, now common in many busiantercom, foyer or general entrance in the form of a coop, surrounded by high partitions and occupied solely by the fectively than were ever before must be further reduced. The reserves business of trust compared must lately hired or the stupidest girl in expended for this purpose. Einstein of corn, estimated to be 1.292.905,000 (Clearing House against the house, who looks upon you with suspicion as a fit subject for an interpment to blame, since they entice workers one occasion, the gain over last year panies outside the Clear and the compared must be further reduced. The reserves business of trust compared to business of trust compared to be 1.292.905,000 (Clearing House against the players themselves are in a measure pictor as a fit subject for an interpment. picion as a fit subject for an internment camp or a "foolish house." if you call and attempt to state the nature of your business with the concern, instead of huask for some individual by name or title or mention the "department" that might

for the terrible plague inflicted upon the hordes of Russian peasants who have best inadequate for a country the size business world. Heyond question, he is been reduced to a worse serfdom than of Russia. If we can defeat them become a German dependence that which they suffered before the fore harvest we will save years of war.

At here to be in the Russian helds overseeing reduced and systematize rationals at many's recovery of the many of the ma ever existed. Yes he is, I know it from revolution.

the misery, the suffering, the loss of Part of the plan of making Ruesia order and our chances are bad. They PRANK E. CORNELL.

A Fellow Feeling From the Sing Sing Star Bulletta, a can thoroughly sympathize with those timid souls who lead sheltered lives.

Intricate Salvaging.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT INFLUENCES AFFECTING INVESTMENT CONDITIONS.

How the Security Markets Have Been Cheered by Recent Developments at Washington-Some of the Factors Making for Sustained Strength in the Stock Market-Benefits Accruing to the Railroads Under the Railroad Control Bill -Public Interest in the Efforts to Enact the War Finance Corporation Measure-Vital Points in an Exceptionally Interesting Investment Situation.

By WILLIAM JUSTUS BOIES.

of efficiency and increase in cost of

Washington this week, where notable progress has been made in getting Bidding for Help. both the railroad control bill and the These abuses started with the muni-War Finance Corporation measure and now reach every industrial propready for the country to experiment One enterprising shipbuilder seeing financial measures of the world war huge profits in speedy construction above last year. period, and when they are safely upon sent emissaries into a rival's plant with he statute books the investment comoffers of a 33 per cent. wage increase munity will be better prepared to take for the best workmen. The dislocation caused by this episode forced the Fedscriptions for the third Liberty Loan. eral authorities to take measures The problems of the war are bringagainst its recurrence, so that the sening Government officials into a close alliance with the captains of indusshould not reach a prohibitive try and the leaders of finance. This President Topping of the Republic cooperation, which has been an ex-Iron and Steel Company in its annual

who had been called to the colors. One has only to recall the trials The Great Pawnshop.

There will be plenty of business for those days between Government and the War Finance Corporation to take ministration of the State Council of care of as soon as it opens its doors, but this institution is to serve as an intelligent effort to secure Ten agency of last resort, since those who distribution of labor through the years ago this month the banks can- seek its assistance must do so only instrumentality of a general elegant celled the last clearing house loan after the usual means have falled to house maintained in Chicago to who certificates issued during the disturb- provide the necessary relief. In cur- daily reports will be made, ance of the year before, and hope of rent discussion of the bill this feature new financial legislation was practi- has been overlooked, since many have cally abandoned. Wisconsin's famous regarded it in the light of a great pro-Senator. La Follette, led a "little motion enterprise, designed to undertake immense industrial loans with the their rates for trolley service, and in least possible delay. The bill has been changed in important particulars and and power service, so as to compensate it may be that its scope will be further them for the higher cost of labor, fue broadened. Should the amendment by equipment and other supplies, will the House Ways and Means Committee prevail, the corporation would tions for the Public Service Commisbe permitted to issue only \$2,000. sions to pass upon. Some of the com-000,000 of bonds. This would be panies are so hard pressed for funds half the amount named in the bill that they have not been able to pay which passed the Senate and would; their taxes and have been forced to materially restrict the corporation's purchase second hand equipment in-activities. It is hardly probable that stead of new material. this limitation will prevail unless the measure should be recast and the loans from the War Finance Corporawhole scheme of assistance modified tion as soon is that institution begins If such an expedient is provided at all work. But the action of 146 New ought to be made powerful enough grant effective assistance when and demand for increased trolley fares as needed. This corporation provides the only means of relieving the savings

vances to those institutions. The Railroad Bill.

lete control over the railroads until twenty-one months after peace has been declared, having been agreed to Improvement in Business. houses, will probably be quickly dustries Board with the effect to enacted. The amendment giving the speed up production and increase Neither is it selling Interstate Commerce Commission authority to review freight rates fixed tivities will have a good effect. Ger tain days last week reached the low by the President is not of great im- eral trade is feeling the impulse of We of Douglaston, Long Island, feel level of dulness for 1918. Notwith- portance, since the commission would spring buying and the definite letternot have authority to hold up a rate ment in trade conditions. The break increase once promulgated. It might ing of the freight blockade has been dertone, and there was no pressure review it later on, but under the cir- an important influence in enlarging cumstances it is scarcely probable that manufacturing activity and making coking ahead and planning to give a developments of the last fortnight the commission would work at cross possible for industrial companies to rich and growing community, paying show that the heavy selling in anticipurposes with the President in a increase their output and to take of taxes to the city of New York, a compation of income tax day—which on matter of such great importance to new orders. matter of such great importance to new orders modity as essential to public comfort. June 15 next will involve total pay- the railroads and to the Government

banks in any large way should it be-

come necessary to make heavy ad-

from increasing taxes upon railroad with that body should limit the properties while in possession of the of interest paid on deposits to Government, the amendments provid- cent, less than the existing rate ing that the basis of taxation observed ninety day rediscounts at the Federal during the year before the Government | Reserve banks," with 3 per con: as assumed control should apply in all the limit, may lead to the indersement of a great body of of the board of the Corn Exchange shareholders and bondholders whose Bank, in supporting this culing seaunique scheme of Government control | bankers "to desist from competition as which provides that the efficiency of to money rates and to unite on som the properties must be maintained curbing arrangement in the interest of and their earnings guaranteed. The efficient work to help the Government broader buying of railroad shares in this crisis." Objections to the toward the close of the week was in proposed restrictions have been urze by some trust company officials or tection provided by this ingenious the ground that the ruling should at piece of legislation. Early enactment of the bill in nearly its present form ances and not to the accounts of seems probable, as the roads are near-ing the period when the refunding of vate accounts where the balances can

care of. several industrial corporations last Our Grain Reserves.

the losses taken by large employers I are very suggestive in view of the in having to educate a constantly decline in the January exports of food- rate on the balances belonging or changing operating force to do the stuffs and the pressing need for in- institutions. The demand for skilled creased shipments for the use of our workers so far exceeds the supply Allies abroad. The reserves of wheat to result from this proposal of t as to give labor the upper hand every- aggregating 111,272,000 bushels, al- touches a vital point in banking in-Shifting labor is always though more than 10,000,000 bushels lice and brings up the old rostly. It is inefficient, arrogant and larger than those reported at the same tween the banks and the trust troublesome to deal with. But there date last year, were with that exception | nies in the days before the true is no other supply at present owing the smallest reported in thirteen years, panies were taken into the effect to the stoppage of immigration and if it is necessary for this country to House. It is not unlikely the description of the stoppage of immigration and if it is necessary for this country to House. the withdrawal of men for military ship 10,000,000 bushels of wheat a ruling may be somewish to duty. The consequence is that more month for several months to come in accordance with the representation and money are spent to-day in order to supply an urgent foreign de-trust company officials will tenching ungrained men to work of mand it is clear that consumption here ence to the necessity of protection

Attention has been directed toward exorbitant wages and easier working partment estimates that only three fifths of last year's corn crop was nier. chantable, it is evident that the quality of the crop is of greater importance tion workers, spread to the steel plants, than the quantity. Oats are also generous supply, the reserves being erty having a Government contract, estimated at 595,195,000 bushels, which would be fully 100,000,000 bushels

Continued Economy Needed.

These figures are for the most part reassuring, but it is clear that people must continue their efforts to reduce consumption if they are to sational rise in shipbuilding costs provide the enormous expertable sati plus which the situation demands President Wilson has said that the farmers of the United States produced two to three times more per man, per unit of labor and capital, than the operation to the company" from hav- farmers of any European country. If to fill the places of regular workers ever, it will be necessary for other States to conduct a careful campaign for recruiting farm labor such as Illinois has set out to do this week under the auspices of the Labor Ad National Defence. This represents an

Efforts of public utility corporations to secure permission to increase some instances for lighting, heating

Many of these companies will seek Jersey municipalities in opposing the shows that the companies will not get their higher schedule without struggle for public commissions to ascertain the facts, since the cost of material is known, and there is no secret about the demands that the labor unions are The bill giving the Government com- making for higher pay and a shorter

working day.

the conference committee of both | The reorganization of the War inindividual output in all military a-

Interest on Deposit Balances.

The proposal made by the New York Clearing House committee that tify a bank in offering the higher rate

It has been urged that the 312 P An interesting control et

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And This Is the Time for Civilization

one grave military offence which will Germany. By the time the spring seize the country they cannot raise a tends to keep all she has the r something worse is what he deserves be in the Russian fields overseeing rebuild and systematize railroads at many's recovery of her colors have been inflicted upon the bardes of Russian heavants who have been been as a local systematize railroads at many's recovery of her colors. ustify his being shot at midnight. This ploughing begins German soldiers will crop before harvest, they cannot quickly

ime, patience and temper and the ex- an easy prey for Germany has been the will conscript the Russian millions into trene quantity and quality of profanity thorough slaughtering of the intellectual their armies. We must get Japan into that have resulted from his diabolic element. Suppose that Russia wakes to the war. We must settle right now the danger and tries to resist German that Britain is to keep German East conquest. There is no one to make Africa and is to give British East Africa mechanics, the engineers, in fact all a million on the Macedonian front. skilled labor has disintegrated.

Bocker—She must be eaved from being the Germans appear and take over the mania would be saved. The Dardanelles and mustcal instruments have been saved from herself.

leaders will be highly paid afficials of of German conquest of at lead the retail the German Government, openly such.

The Germans will organize the council again threatened at her is a week.

to Do It.

To the Edition of The Sun—Sir: It is a dark hour for us. Russia has not Mere and that he will commit about to become a subject province of Sunger grave military offence which will Germany. By the time the surface state of the country they cannot raise.

To the Edition of The Sun—Sir: It is a dark hour for us. Russia has not Government paid agents, who have disher will bring her the grown freed the Bolshevik revolution.

But though the Germans will easily not be kept, choke him to real the country they cannot raise.

Let them once get Russia in running munitions or to run the railroads; the to Japan if she will place an army of A man does not have to be a Napoleon

Supplies of manufactured goods have to see what that would mean. With the been burned for the fun of sceing the French, British and Greek armies at-Banks, even churches, have been ready on that front Turkey and Bulgaria ga

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